

Interagency Aviation Training Subcommittee

Organization Intent

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1 Identification

The Interagency Aviation Training Subcommittee (IATS) is an active interagency, NWCG subcommittee, known herein as the Subcommittee.

2 Strategic Intent

2.1 Vision:

Interagency aviation training programs involving the USDA Forest Service, DOI Aviation Management, DOI Bureaus and other interagency partners and cooperators are coordinated, consistent, and credible

2.2 Purpose:

The Subcommittee has been established to recommend standards and guidelines for non-fire aviation training in relation to the Interagency Aviation Training Program.

2.3 Mission:

The Subcommittee serves the NIAC as a body of resident aviation training experts

The mission goals are:

1. Realize opportunities for enhanced safety, effectiveness and efficiency in aviation training related operations, procedures, and programs through coordination with NWCG committees and related stakeholders
2. Promote a positive learning culture that is consistent with quality assurance, risk management, and safety policy
3. Identify and recommend solutions to interagency aviation training issues
4. Make recommendations to USDA Forest Service, DOI Aviation Management, DOI Bureaus, and NIAC as to changes in non-fire aviation training policy and procedures
5. Facilitate implementation of interagency aviation program standards through training and information publications
6. Maintain a corporate history of interagency issues, discussions, and resolutions

2.4 Responsibility:

The Subcommittee is primarily responsible for providing interagency aviation managers with effective, comprehensive aviation training methods and products

Other responsibilities include:

- Facilitate with AMD, USFS, and the Bureaus an annual out year interagency aviation training scheduling workshop with the intent of meeting student/agency learning objectives with greater efficiency of available resources
- Formulate recommended changes to the interagency aviation training course curriculum and matrix
- Work with AMD, USFS, and the Bureaus to develop a long term recommended strategy for interagency aviation training

3 Scope

The scope of the Subcommittee is described as:

Serve as a group of aviation specialists that represent their Agency/Bureau requirements specific to the non-fire Interagency Aviation Training Program. The Subcommittee will provide guidance and recommendations to aviation managers regarding non-fire aviation training standards and requirements

4 Authorities

The Subcommittee is established under the following authorities:

- NWCG National Interagency Aviation Committee Charter

The Subcommittee is established by the following documented agreements:

- NWCG Interagency Aviation Training Subcommittee Charter (11/18/2010)

4.1 Delegation of Authority

The Subcommittee is delegated the authority to:

- create units and task teams with the concurrence of the National Interagency Aviation Committee Chair. This authority is delegable to subgroups.

5 Organization Structure & Relationships

The Subcommittee consists of primary members representing the USDA Forest Service, DOI Aviation Management Directorate (AMD), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, US Geological Survey, Office of Surface Mining, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, and Bureau of Reclamation. One of the primary members serves as chair and another as vice-chair.

5.1 Relationships:

The Subcommittee is a subgroup of the National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC).

The Subcommittee succeeds and replaces the Interagency Aviation Training Steering Committee (IATSC).

Membership is granted in the charter to the DOI Aviation Management Directorate (AMD), DOI U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), DOI Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (BOEMRE), DOI Office of Surface Mining (OSM), DOI Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

5.2 Stakeholders & Partners

The USDA Forest Service and AMD as policy entities are advised by the NIAC on interagency policy recommendations, rules and procedures that have been recommended by the Subcommittee.

Other aviation management agencies and partners may be consulted on an as needed basis

6 Membership

6.1 General :

The Chair is assigned from within the Subcommittee and approved by NIAC. The number of primary members is limited to 13

6.2 Primary :

The IATS primary membership will be composed of representatives as follows:

Aviation Management Directorate (1)
Bureau of Indian Affairs (1)
Bureau of Land Management (1)
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (1)
Bureau of Reclamation (1)
Fish and Wildlife Service (1)
Forest Service (4)
National Park Service (1)
Office of Surface Mining (1)
United States Geological Service (1)

6.3 Associate :

The IATS associate membership will be composed of representatives as follows:

AMD Training Specialist
USDA Forest Service National Fire Training Specialist

At the discretion of the Chair, technical advisors may be added as associate members.

7 Products & Services

The Subcommittee is primarily responsible for the following products and services related to non-fire interagency aviation training:

Products:

- Develop recommendations to the Interagency Aviation Training (IAT) Curriculum
- Development of the IAT Guide

Services:

- Recommend minimum training, skills, knowledge, and currency requirements for interagency personnel who work with aircraft or have aviation duties in order to accomplish non-fire missions
- Provide a forum for interagency coordination in the development of a strategic approach to aviation education, training, and qualification standards
- Maintain a high level of currency in education and training methods and techniques, as well as audio-visual technology, within the budgetary constraints of each individual bureau/agency
- Evaluate and make recommendations on the functionality and utilization of the IAT website
- Recommend qualifications and currency standards for interagency aviation trainers (IATs)
- Utilize a systematic process to ensure application of state-of-the-art instructional systems design in course planning and development consistent with cost effective management principles
- Schedule National and Regional aviation training events with the intent of effectively and efficiently meeting the training requirements of interagency aviation community
- Provide solutions to emergent aviation training needs
- Establish and maintain an aviation training strategy addressing short term and long term goals regarding aviation training development and delivery